



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Governors' Questionnaire to Parents and Carers – Spring 2015

Thank you to all those parents and carers, who completed the Governors' Questionnaire in March. We received 225 responses for the 312 children then at the school, which is fantastic. This means that 72% completed the questionnaire; I know how busy you are, so it is much appreciated.

My apologies for being slower than I anticipated in coming back to you.

I attach details of the responses in two ways - in a table and in charts.

The responses were heavily weighted in the 'strongly agree' and the 'agree' categories, which is reassuring.

For the questions 'My child enjoys school' (Q1) and 'The school keeps my child safe' (Q2) the responses on strongly agree and agree were 99%.

For the questions on progress (Q5), respect (Q11), overall happy (Q21) the agree responses were 95%.

Turning now to where we can improve, I highlight the following:

- The response to 'The school informs me about my child's progress' (Q5) had 12% in the disagree category. This is worrying. The school tries very hard to advise parents/carers about progress. There are three consultation evenings each year (at the first and second a mini report about reading, writing and maths is given to parents /carers). The main report is at the end of the year. Also, teachers are very open to questions and so please do approach them at any time of the year, if you have concerns about your child.

I hope that what I have said, clarifies how we want to keep you informed on your child's progress.

- The responses to bullying (Q14) and complaints (Q15) included 48, (21%) 'don't know's'. I am unclear if this means that your child has not

been bullied nor have you needed to raise a complaint, or does it mean that the procedure is not known.

I feel that covering the procedures would be helpful in a governor newsletter, which we aim to publish by the end of July.

We have already taken action on some issues such as:

- Improving communication by:
 - a consistent approach on how we communicate with you;
 - the proposed governors' newsletter and the recently installed notice-board, next to the ones for the school and PTA;
- Homework format changed;
- Tightening up safety by making parents/carers more aware of road safety and school security; communicated in school newsletters.

When you have had the opportunity to read the attached table and charts, do please contact me if you need clarification on any aspect.

The governors continue to be keen to know your views about St Augustine's school - on what we are doing well and what we need to improve. This information will be used to inform governors as they make decisions for the school in the coming year. So please let us have your views!

We will arrange for this Governors' Questionnaire to be conducted annually in the spring. This will assist governors to improve St Augustine's for the benefit of your children.

Again, thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaires in March.

Mark Dennison
Chair of Governors
28th June 2015